Kegare No Uta

Chapter 001

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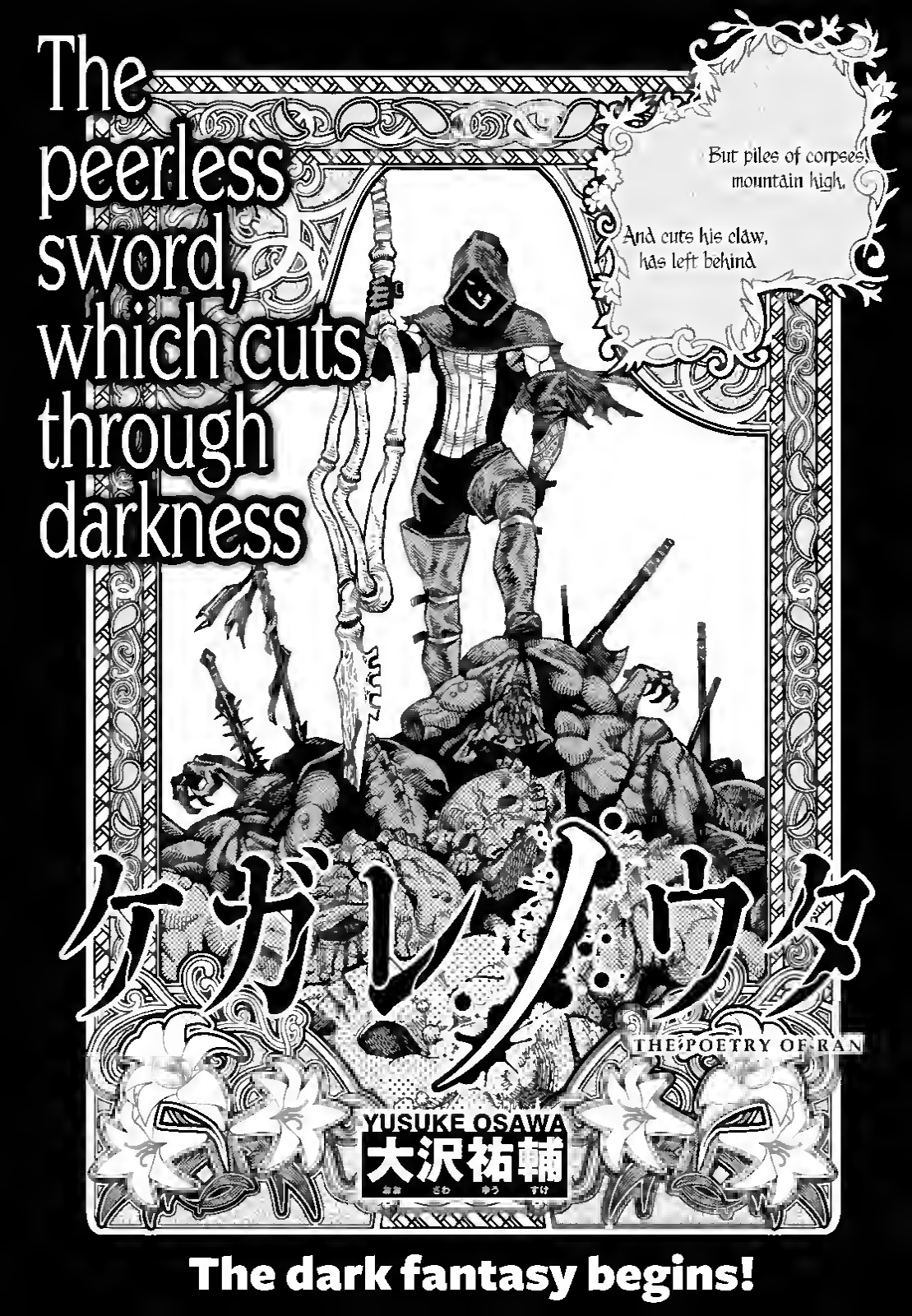
UNLEASH YOUR BOILING BLOOD... A HUGE, NEW SERIES!!


The peerless sword, which cuts through darkness
But piles of corpses mountain high,
And cuts his claw, has left behind
ケガレノウタ
THE POETRY OF RAN
YUSUKE OSAWA
大沢祐輔
The dark fantasy begins!

STRUM♪
And thus
The sword
became a
guiding beacon
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And from
the heavens,
listen well
A tiny rock,
a pebble fell
'twould lead
the flock to
what is right
Be the source
for their respite
And in the end
It would beget
A kingdom,
oh so grand
STRUM♪
CHIRP
CHIRP
CHIRP
And in the end
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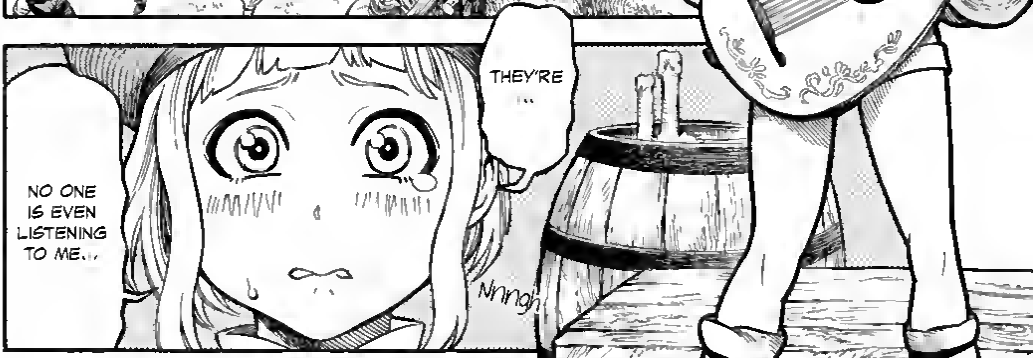
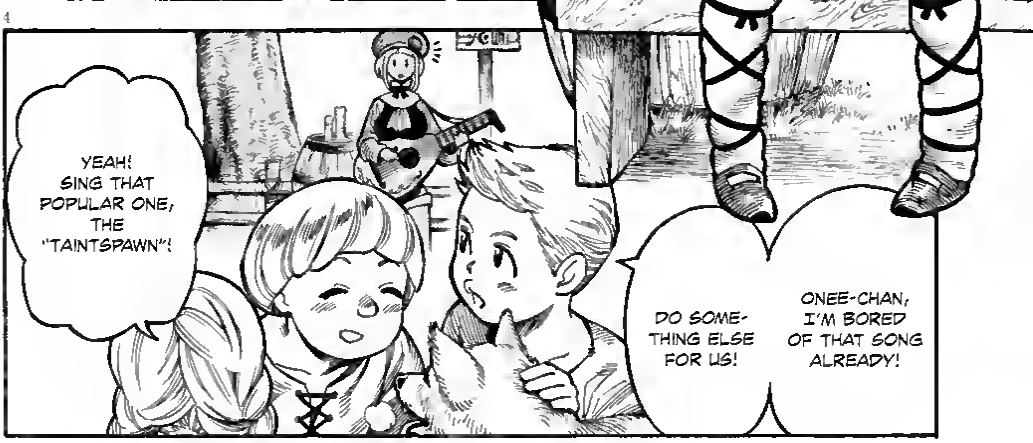
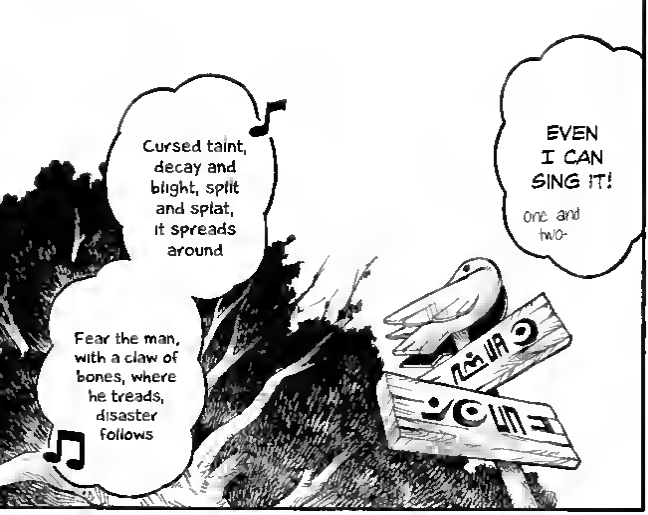
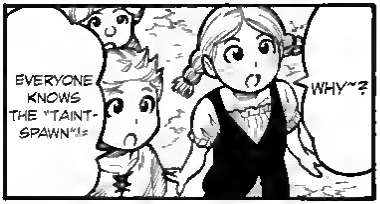
SHOCK
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
BEE~
がらーん…
WHAAAAM...
Ah!
Waah
Waah
Whee!


NO ONE IS EVEN LISTENING TO ME...
THEY'RE ...
Nnngh

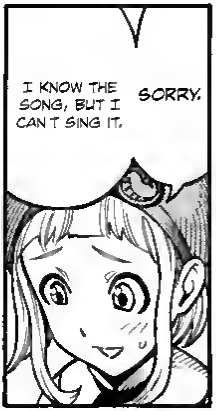

YEAH! SING THAT POPULAR ONE, THE "TAINTSPAWN"!
DO SOME-THING ELSE FOR US!
ONEE-CHAN, I'M BORED OF THAT SONG ALREADY!


Cursed taint, decay and blight, split and splat, it spreads around
Fear the man, with a claw of bones, where he treads, disaster follows
EVEN I CAN SING IT!
One and two-

SORRY GUYS, I CAN'T DO THAT ONE.


EVERYONE KNOWS THE "TAINT-SPAWN"!!
WHY~?

UGH...!
I'M ACTUALLY CONSCIOUS OF THAT!!
BUT IT LOOKS HARD TO PLAY THE LUTE LIKE THAT.
KAAAH!

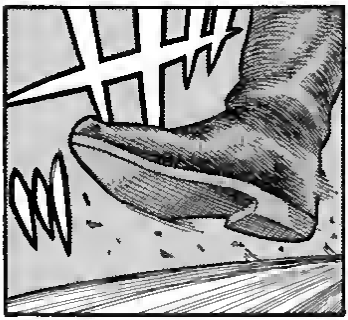

I KNOW THE SONG, BUT I CAN'T SING IT.
SORRY.

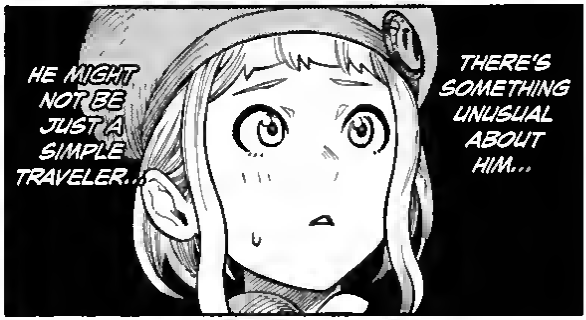
IF YOU CAN'T EVEN SING THE "TAINTSPAWN", THEN WHAT GOOD ARE THOSE BOOBS FOR?
NGH...
MY CHEST HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THAT!

UGH?!

Waah!
Waah!
Whee!
Hold it!

I-
I'M SORRY...




HE MIGHT NOT BE JUST A SIMPLE TRAVELER...
THERE'S SOMETHING UNUSUAL ABOUT HIM...

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ドド
OH-
ONEE-CHAN...!
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ズン
UGH...!!
CLINK CLINK
.....
I HEARD..
YOU SINGING...
WAAAAH!!!
.....?
そっ...
SLOWLY...
I'M SORRY IF MY PERFORMANCE OFFENDED YOU SOMEHOW!!
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スッ
EH?!
ジャラ
ALL THAT MONEY... WHAT THE-?!

ONE MORE.
THE BALLAD WAS NICE.
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THE "TAINT-SPAWN"?!
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I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THAT BEFORE!!!
CHECK OUT THAT WEAPON!
THEN IS THIS THE GUY THAT THE VILLAGE CHIEF CALLED FOR?
HEY, WHAT IF THAT'S THE ONE FROM THE SONG?
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THE CLAW OF BONES...
……!
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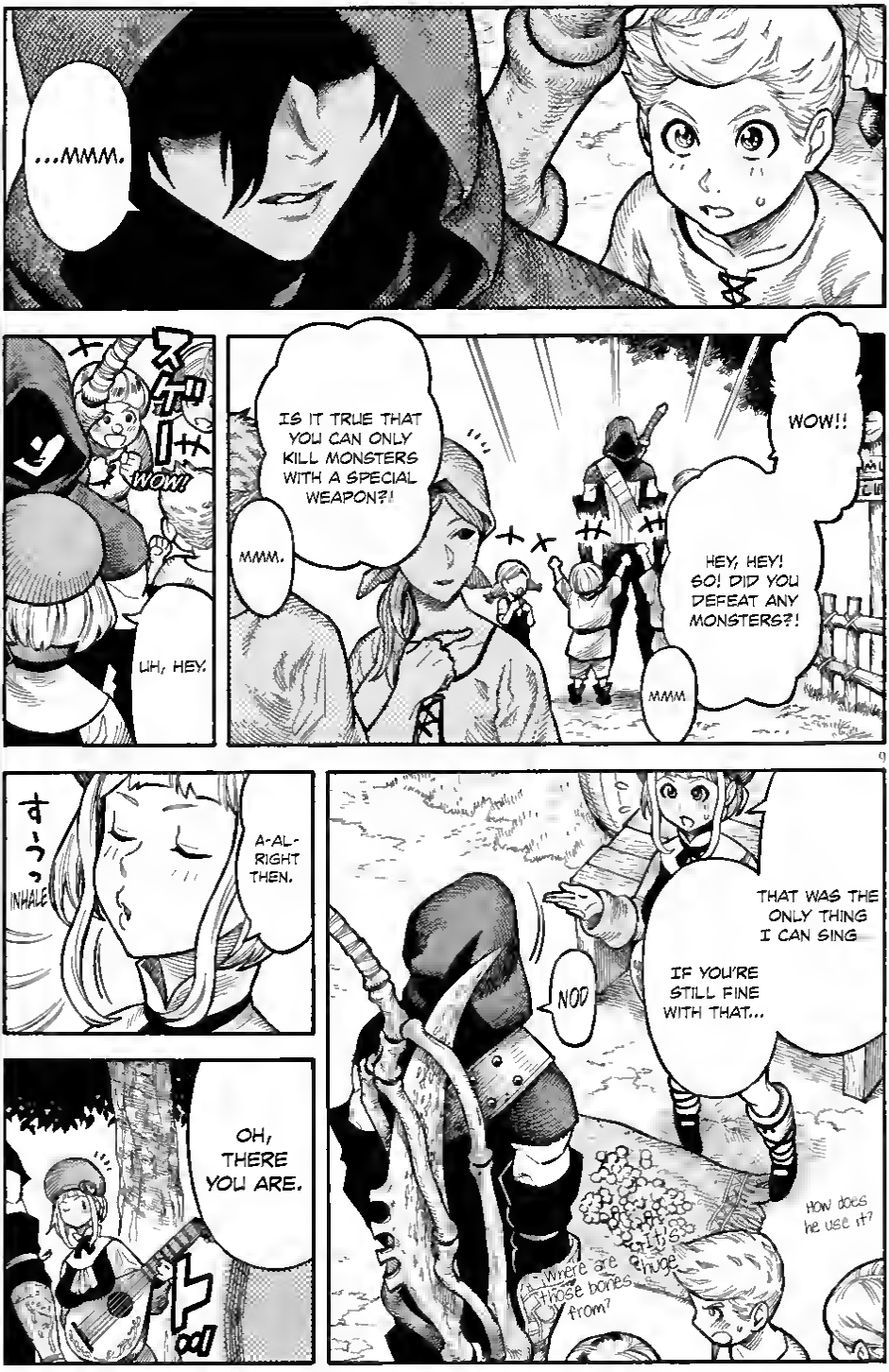
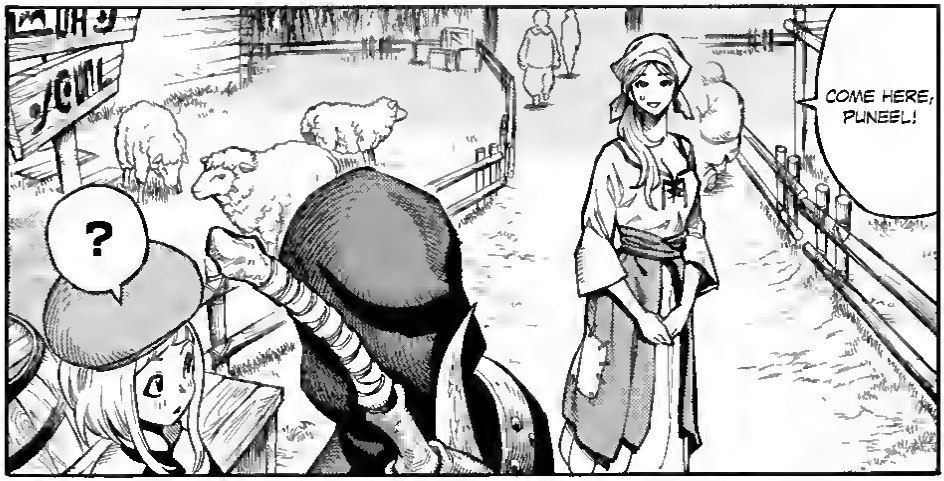
THUMP
ドキ
THUMP


...MMM.
WOW!!
HEY, HEY! SO! DID YOU DEFEAT ANY MONSTERS?!
MMM
IS IT TRUE THAT YOU CAN ONLY KILL MONSTERS WITH A SPECIAL WEAPON?!
MMM.
WOW!!
UH, HEY.
THAT WAS THE ONLY THING I CAN SING
IF YOU'RE STILL FINE WITH THAT...
NOD
How does he use it?
Where are those bones from?
A-AL-RIGHT THEN.
INHALE
OH, THERE YOU ARE.


COME HERE, PUNEEL!
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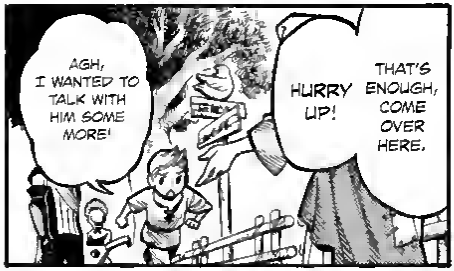
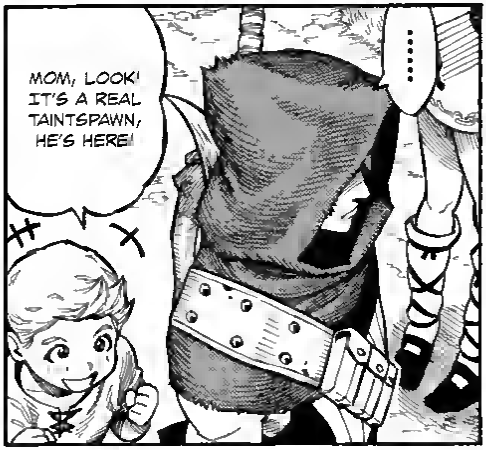

THAT'S ENOUGH, COME OVER HERE.
HURRY UP!
AGH, I WANTED TO TALK WITH HIM SOME MORE!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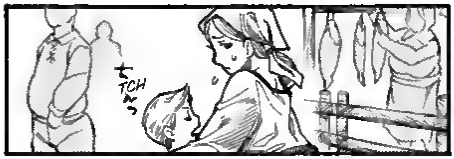
MOM, LOOK! IT'S A REAL TAINTSPAWN, HE'S HERE!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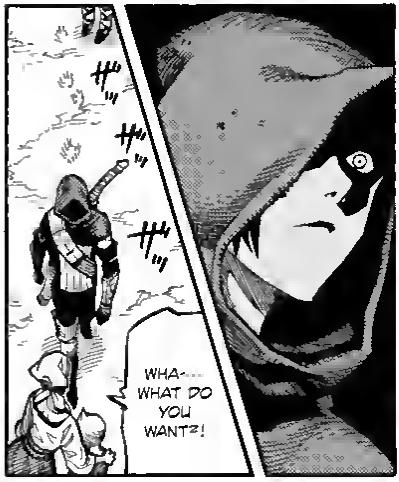
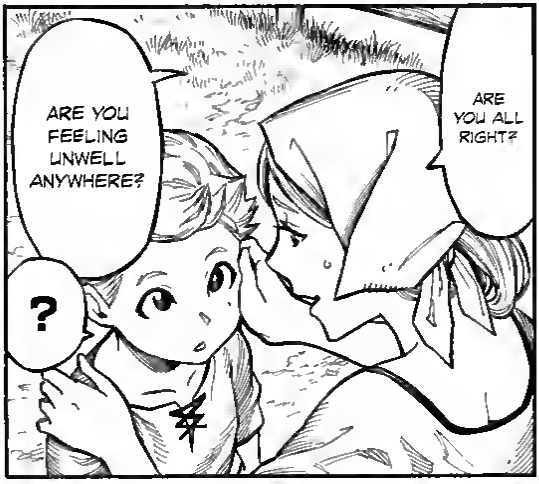

WHA-... WHAT DO YOU WANT?!


ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
ARE YOU FEELING UNWELL ANYWHERE?
?

SMIRK
HIII-...
CHIEF... WAS THERE REALLY A NEED TO CALL FOR A TAINTSPAWN?
I THINK WE'VE ALREADY TALKED THAT OVER WITH EVERYONE.
IT SEEMS LIKE YOU'VE ALREADY ARRIVED...
.....!
I'M THE HIEF OF THIS VILLAGE, AND THE ONE WHO REQUESTED YOUR HELP.
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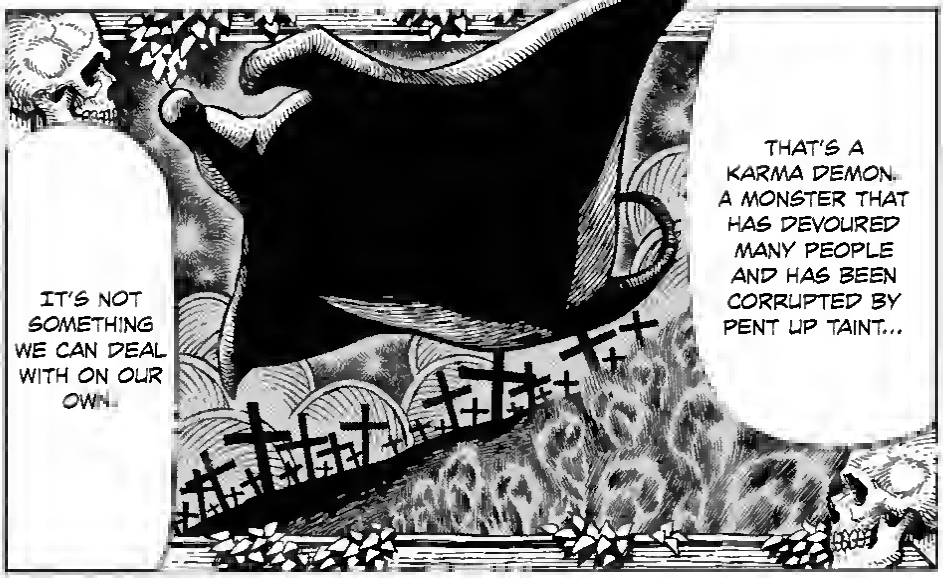
WHAT...?
MUMBLE
MUMBLE
MUMBLE
?
GH...
WHAT'S THIS COMMOTION?


IT'S NOT SOMETHING WE CAN DEAL WITH ON OUR OWN.
THAT'S A KARMA DEMON. A MONSTER THAT HAS DEVOURED MANY PEOPLE AND HAS BEEN CORRUPTED BY PENT UP TAINT...

WE ALL SHARE THE WILL TO PURGE THE KARMA DEMON.
BUT PLEASE, DO NOT FORGET.
I BEG YOU, HELP RESTORE PEACE TO THIS VILLAGE!

UGH...
WE STILL HAVE NO IDEA WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO THOSE WHO'VE ENTERED THE MOUNTAIN TO PURGE IT . DON'T TELL ME THAT YOU'VE FORGOTTEN ALREADY.

I'M SORRY FOR THIS UNPLEASANT EXPERIENCE...
MY APOLOGIES, THERE ARE MANY WHO DON'T THINK FONDLY OF TAINTSPAWN...
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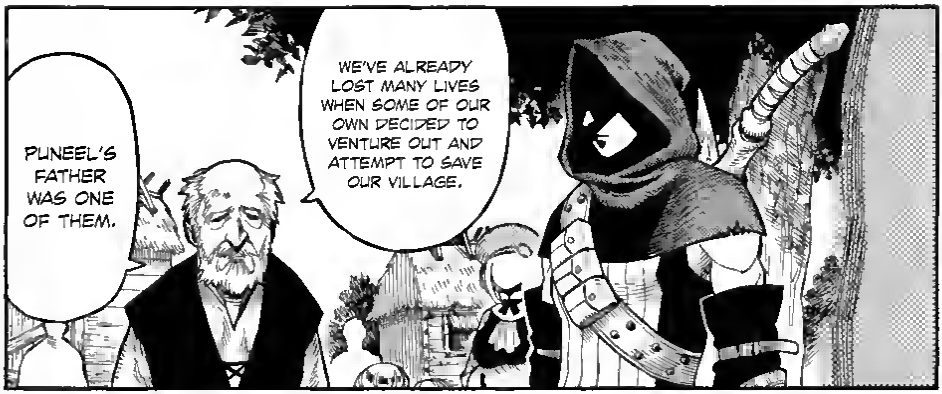
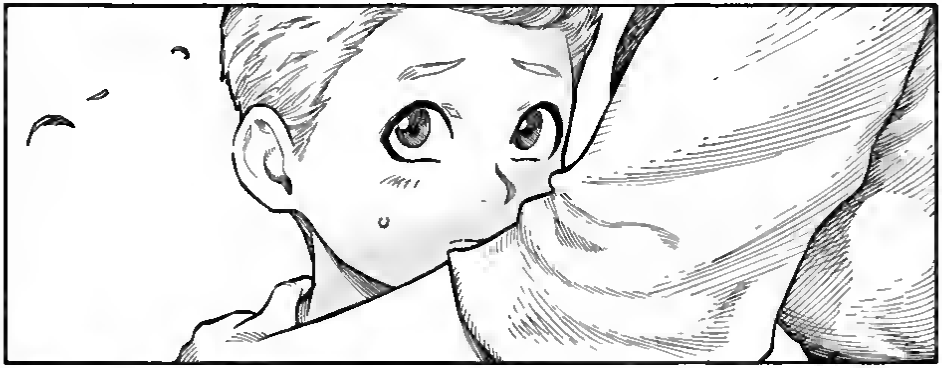
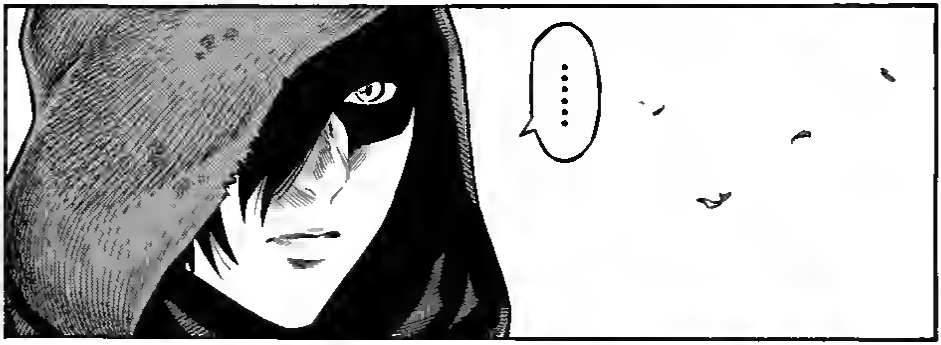

WE'VE ALREADY LOST MANY LIVES WHEN SOME OF OUR OWN DECIDED TO VENTURE OUT AND ATTEMPT TO SAVE OUR VILLAGE.
PUNEEL'S FATHER WAS ONE OF THEM.

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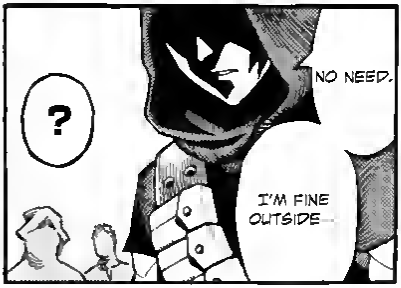
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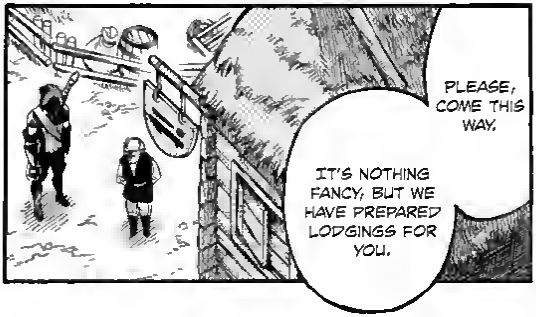
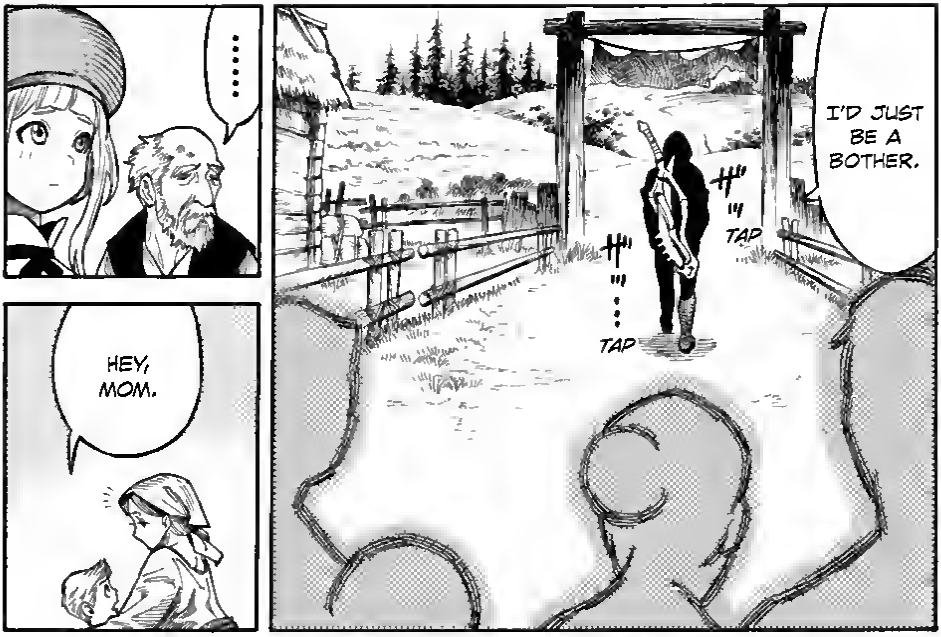
NO NEED.
I'M FINE OUTSIDE...


PLEASE, COME THIS WAY.
IT'S NOTHING FANCY, BUT WE HAVE PREPARED LODGINGS FOR YOU.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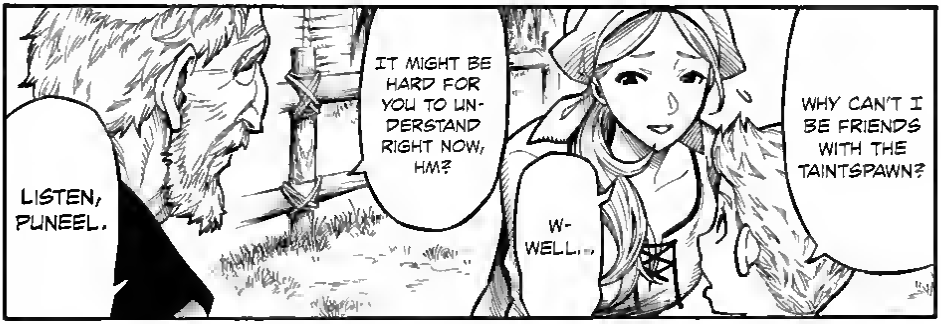
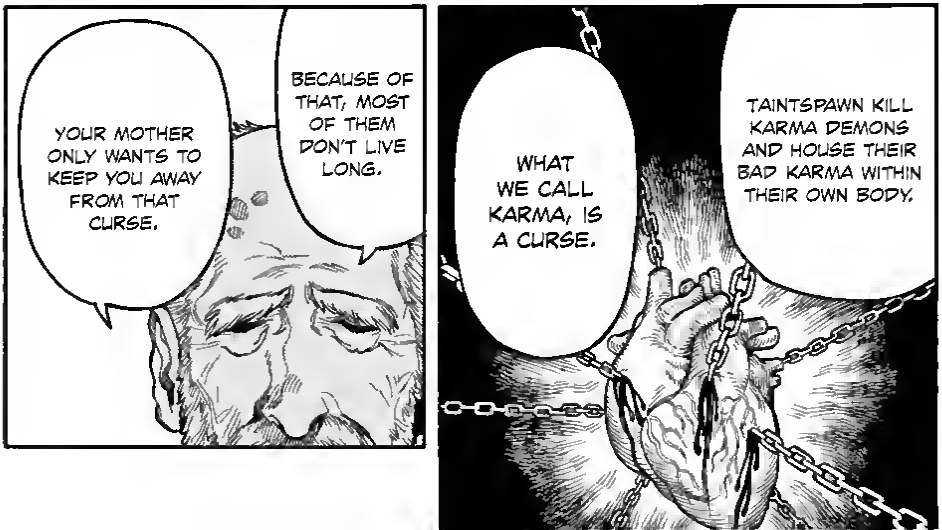
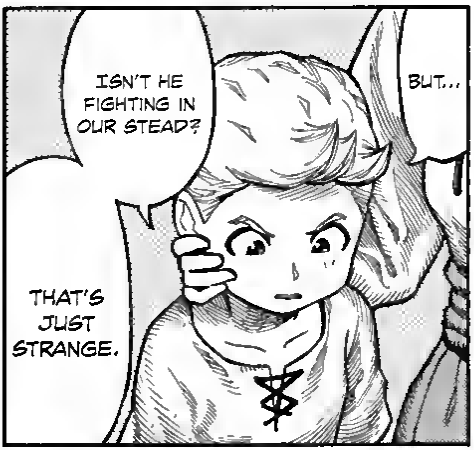
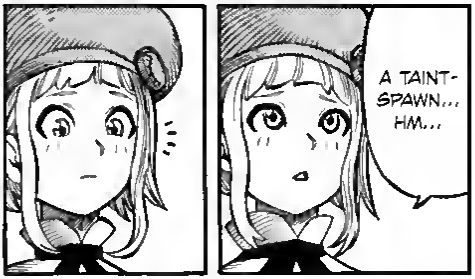
HEY, MOM.
I'D JUST BE A BOTHER.
TAP
TAP


LISTEN, PUNEEL.
IT MIGHT BE HARD FOR YOU TO UNDERSTAND RIGHT NOW, HM?
W-WELL...
WHY CAN'T I BE FRIENDS WITH THE TAINTSPAWN?

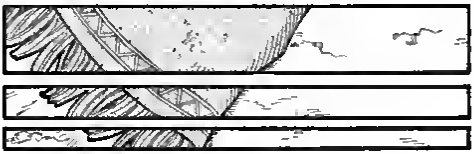

YOUR MOTHER ONLY WANTS TO KEEP YOU AWAY FROM THAT CURSE.
BECAUSE OF THAT, MOST OF THEM DON'T LIVE LONG.
WHAT WE CALL KARMA, IS A CURSE.
TAINTSPAWN KILL KARMA DEMONS AND HOUSE THEIR BAD KARMA WITHIN THEIR OWN BODY.

CRACKLE
CRACKLE


ISN'T HE FIGHTING IN OUR STEAD?
BUT...
THAT'S JUST STRANGE.


A TAINT-SPAWN... HM...

OH!



RUSTLE
THERE YOU ARE! THANK GOODNESS!

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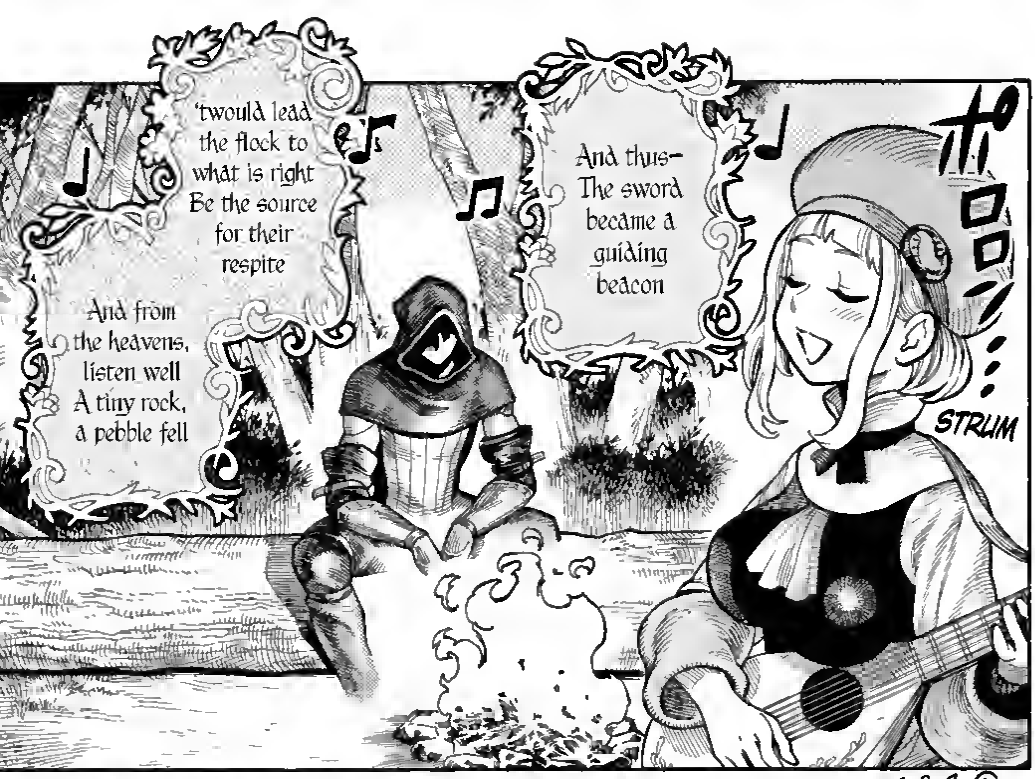
ごそ
RUSTLE
UMM, HERE...
?
I CAN'T ACCEPT ALL THIS MONEY!!
シャラ〃
SWISH
WE GOT INTERRUPTED BACK THERE, BUT...
There we go!
WE SHOULD BE FINE OUT HERE!
……!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And thus– The sword became a guiding beacon
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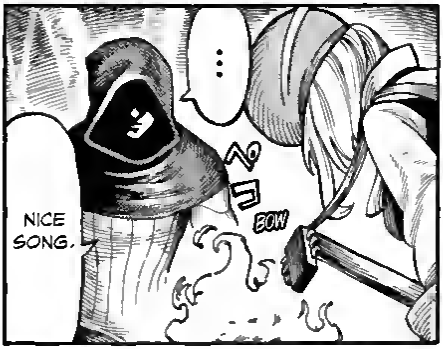
STRUM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NICE SONG.
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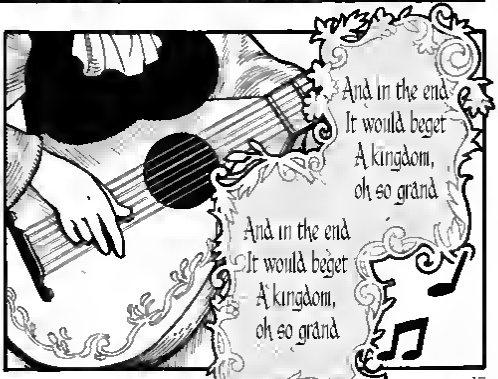
BOW!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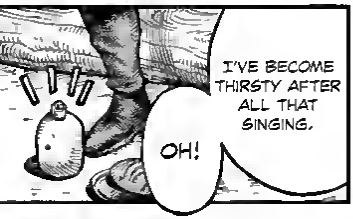
I'VE BECOME THIRSTY AFTER ALL THAT SINGING.
OH!

WOULD YOU MIND IF I TOOK A SIP?
LIFT

THANK YOU!
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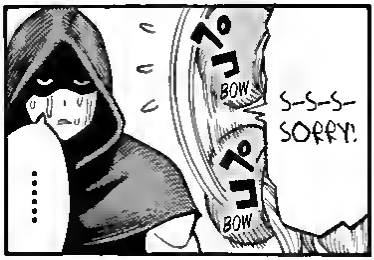
SMILE

GULP

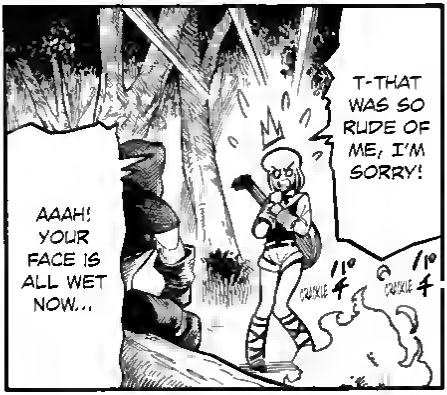
I DRINK THIS BEFORE A HUNT.
SPIRIT LIQUOR... SUPPRESS-ES THE TAINT...


S-S-S-SORRY!
BOW
BOW

W-WHAT... WAS THAT...?
MY THROAT IS BURNING!

AH...

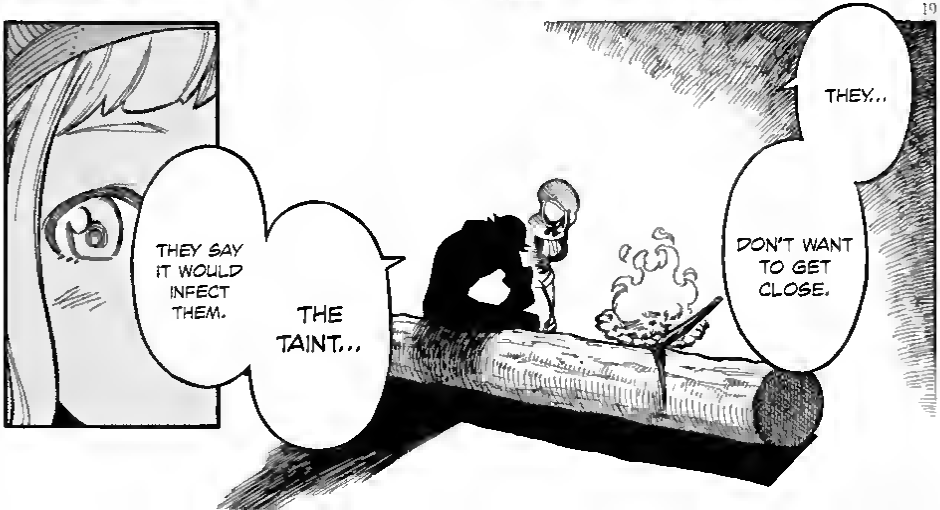
I'M SORRY, LET ME WIPE IT OFF!


T-THAT WAS SO RUDE OF ME, I'M SORRY!
AAAH! YOUR FACE IS ALL WET NOW...
CHUCKLE
CHUCKLE

HE'S PRETTY...

YOU...
AREN'T YOU SCARED?
HUH...?

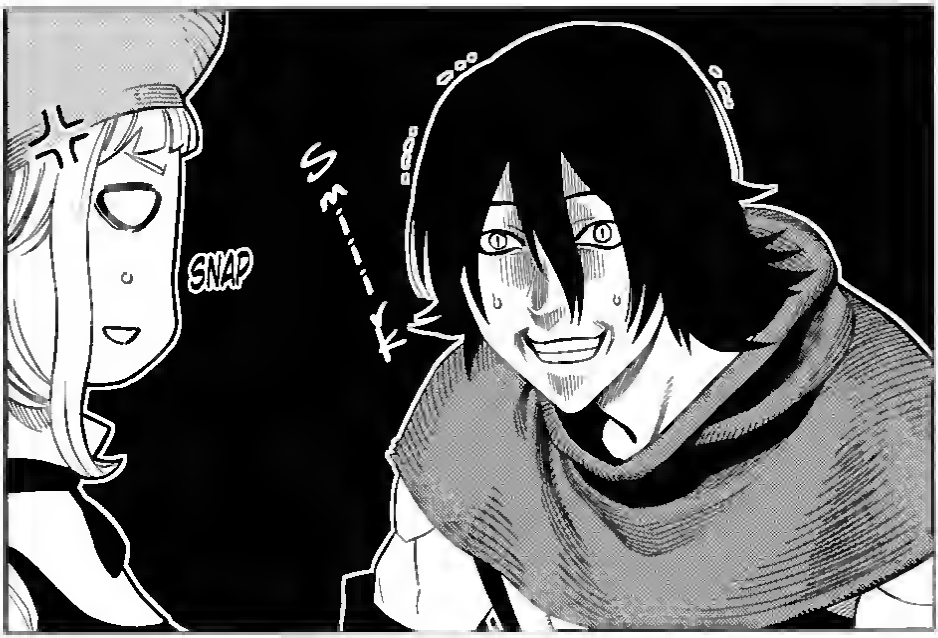
ドキ、ドキ THUMP THUMP
ドキドキ THUMP
フキ WIPE
フキ WIPE


THEY...
DON'T WANT TO GET CLOSE.
THE TAINT...
THEY SAY IT WOULD INFECT THEM.

SO, IS THAT TRUE?
COULD THE TAINT REALLY INFECT YOU BY GETTING CLOSE?
NO...
IT DOESN'T...
CLAP
I KNEW IT!
WHETHER IT BE IN RUMORS, OR IN BALLARD'S, I ONLY BELIEVE
WHAT I'VE CONFIRMED WITH MY OWN EYES!
YOU'RE A... STRANGE ONE...
HEHEHE... THEN I GUESS WE'RE ALIKE!
I get told that a lot

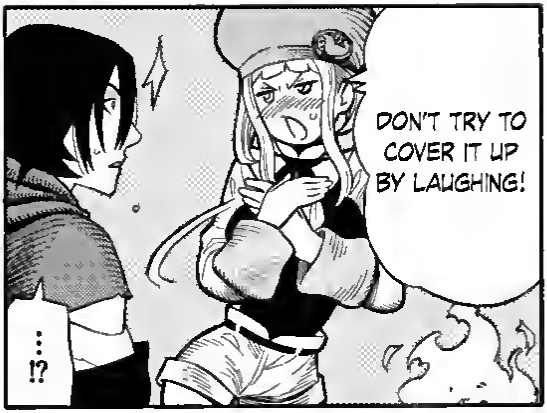
RAN.
I'M TORIE!
THIS HAS BEEN EATING AT ME...
HEYY MISHTER, LEMME HAVE A HEART-TO-HEART HERE!
RIGHT NOW, I'M ON A LONESOME JOURNEY TO FIND MATERIAL FOR A BALLAD...
MY FAMILY, WE HAVE BEEN MINSTRELS FOR 3 GENERATIONS...
AND IT'S GOING FLUFFY-PLOPPY...
UUUH... MY HEAD FEELS HOT...
HUH?
AND I CAN'T WRITE ANY NEW SONGS...
EVERYONE JUST LEAVES SOMEWHERE,
BUT IT'S NOT GOING WELL AT ALL...

AND THOSE KIDS JUST KEEP MAKING FUN OF MY BREASTS...
DAMMIT!!!
THOMP
THOMP
BONG
WHATCHU LOOKIN' AT?


SNAP
Smile

I KNEW IT.
I CAN'T MAKE A GOOD SMILE.

HUH?


DON'T TRY TO COVER IT UP BY LAUGHING!
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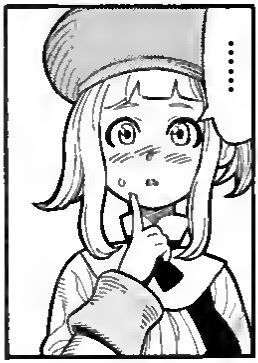
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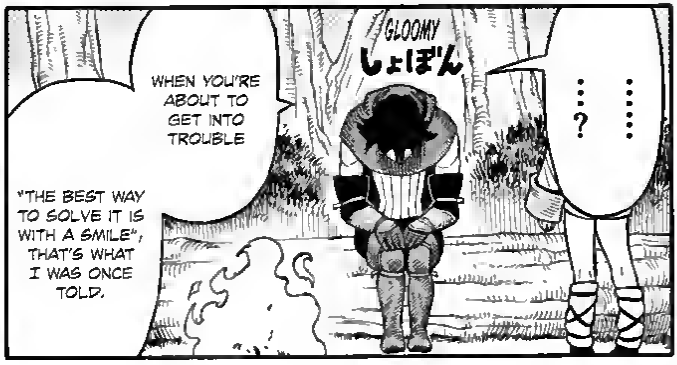
WHEN YOU'RE ABOUT TO GET INTO TROUBLE
"THE BEST WAY TO SOLVE IT IS WITH A SMILE", THAT'S WHAT I WAS ONCE TOLD.
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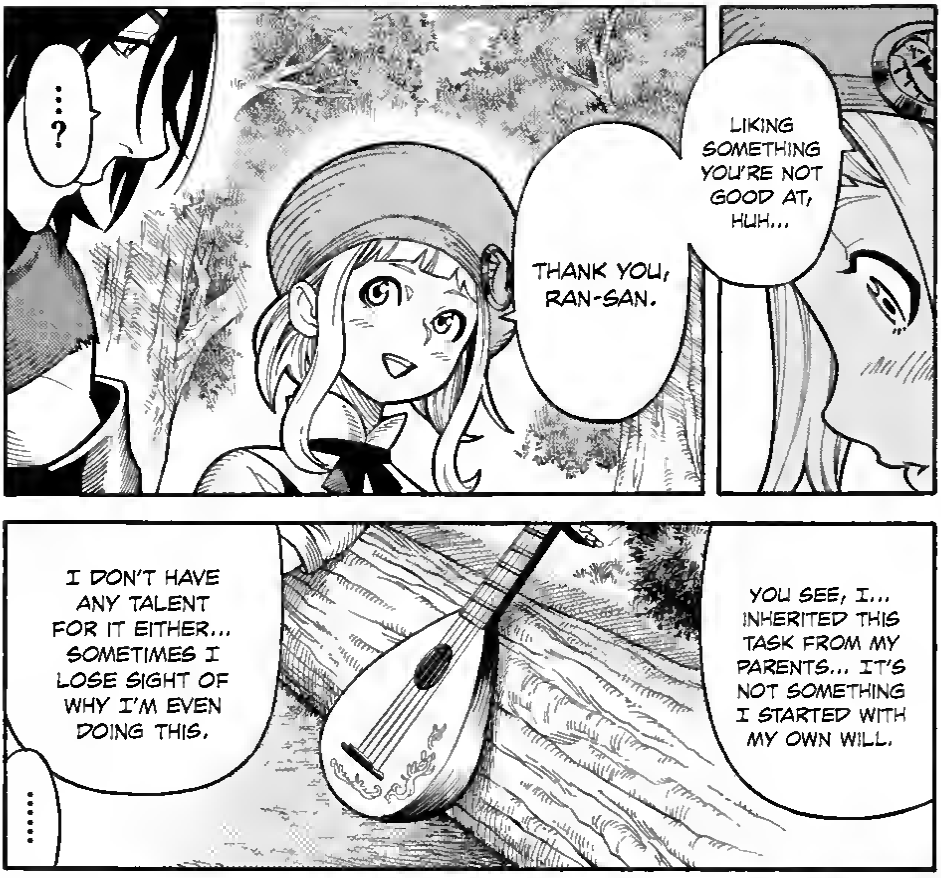
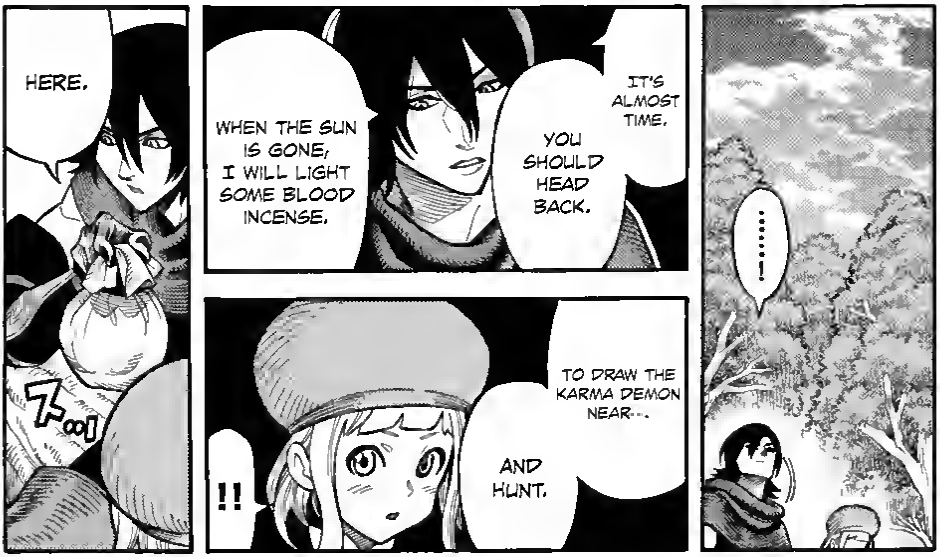
SO...
SO THAT WAS THE PROB-LEM...
SO THAT'S HOW IT WAS... BUT
THAT KIND OF A FAKE SMILE JUST GETS YOU THE OPPOSITE RESULT.
I WAS NEVER
GOOD... AT TALKING... TO PEOPLE,
BUT...
I LIKE... SONGS.
YOU CAN HAVE A CONVERSA-TION... JUST BY LISTENING...


...?
THANK YOU, RAN-SAN.
LIKING SOMETHING YOU'RE NOT GOOD AT, HUH...
I DON'T HAVE ANY TALENT FOR IT EITHER... SOMETIMES I LOSE SIGHT OF WHY I'M EVEN DOING THIS.
.....
YOU SEE, I... INHERITED THIS TASK FROM MY PARENTS... IT'S NOT SOMETHING I STARTED WITH MY OWN WILL.


HERE.
Zzoo
WHEN THE SUN IS GONE, I WILL LIGHT SOME BLOOD INCENSE.
IT'S ALMOST TIME.
YOU SHOULD HEAD BACK.
!!
TO DRAW THE KARMA DEMON NEAR...
AND HUNT.
.....!

NO, IT WAS WORTH THAT MUCH.

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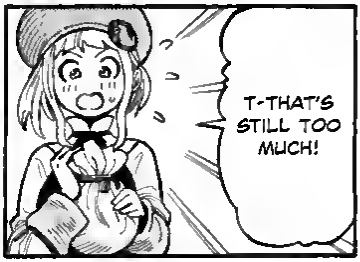
T-THAT'S STILL TOO MUCH!

T-THANK YOU!
GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR WORK, RAN-SAN!
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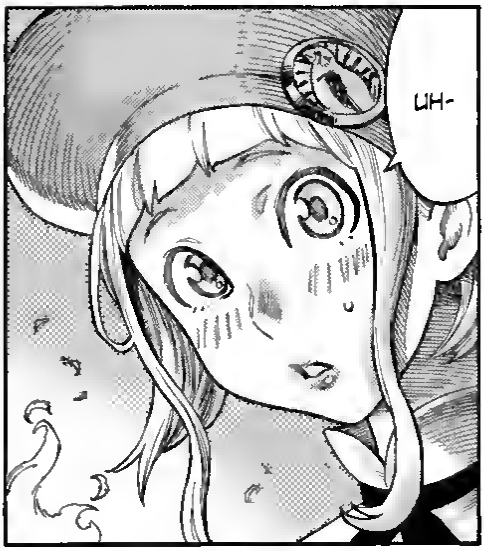
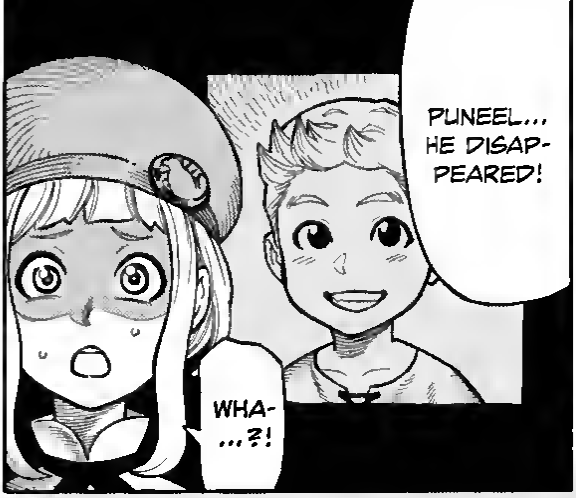
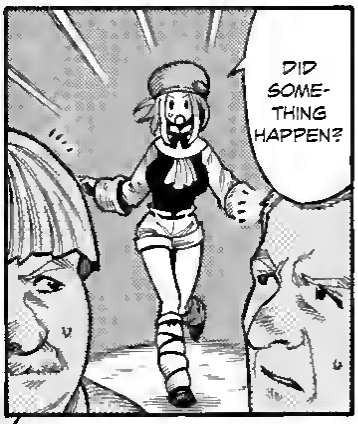

UH-

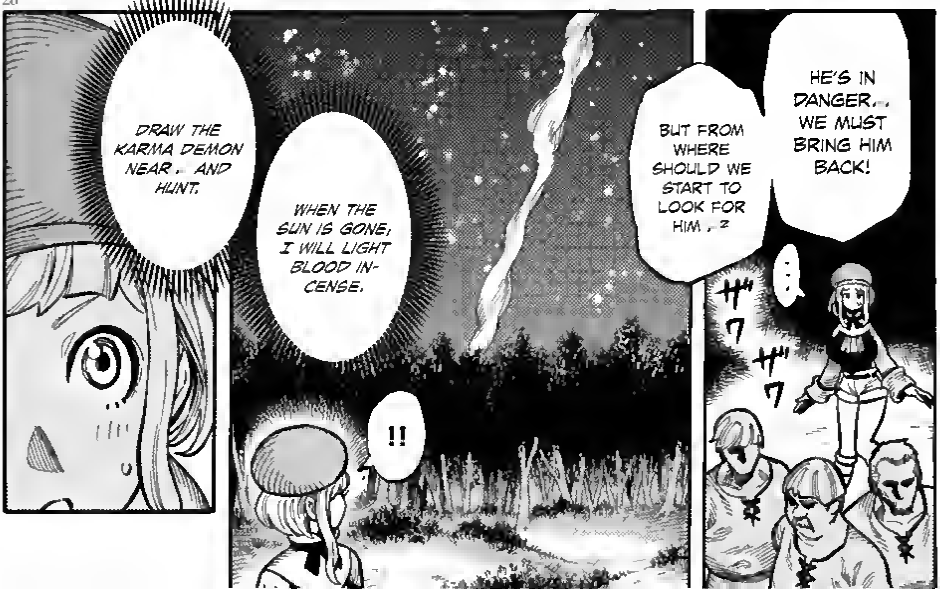
IT WAS MY FIRST TIME
BUT HE WAS A STRANGE MAN.
TAINT-SPAWN... HUH...
I WONDER HOW
RAN-SAN BECAME A TAINTSPAWN?
CREAK
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
?
THUD
THUD
WAS IT SOMETHING HE WISHED FOR...?


PUNEEL... HE DISAPPEARED!
WHA-...?!


DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?

MY GOODNESS...
SHIVER
DID HE GO AFTER THE KARMA DEMON?!
"TODAY'S MY LAST CHANCE TO SAY GOODBYE TO MY FATHER"...

I THINK HE SAID SOMETHING LIKE...


DRAW THE KARMA DEMON NEAR, AND HUNT.
WHEN THE SUN IS GONE, I WILL LIGHT BLOOD INCENSE.
!!
BUT FROM WHERE SHOULD WE START TO LOOK FOR HIM, ?
HE'S IN DANGER... WE MUST BRING HIM BACK!

WAIT FOR ME, PUNEEL-KUN. .
ONEE-CHAN IS COMING FOR YOU!
I MIGHT BE ABLE TO FIND HIM...
HEY.. WHERE ARE YOU GOING?!
IT'S ABOUT TIME.
.....!!
.....
I CAN'T GO HOME,... BECAUSE...
TAINTED ONII-CHAN!
IT'S DANGEROUS HERE... GO HOME.
THAT'S...

DAD'S SOUL IS STILL INSIDE THE KARMA DEMON!
I WANT TO SAY GOODBYE TO HIM...!
UGH...?!
...!
WHERE DID ALL THE STARS GO...?
.....

UH... YEAH, OKAY!!
RUN!
CREAK
CRACK
CRACK
!!
CREAK
PNEEL-KUN, RAN-SAN!!
DAD!!!
DAD'S RIGHT OVER THERE...

AAAAA
AAAAAHH

WOW
...!!!
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!!
NOT YET.
GET BEHIND THE ROCK!
PUNEEL-KUN, OVER HERE!
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GUH...!!
GH!
UH!!
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N-NO...
RAN-SAN ...!!
I WAS WAITING

FOR THIS MOMENT!
HNNGH...
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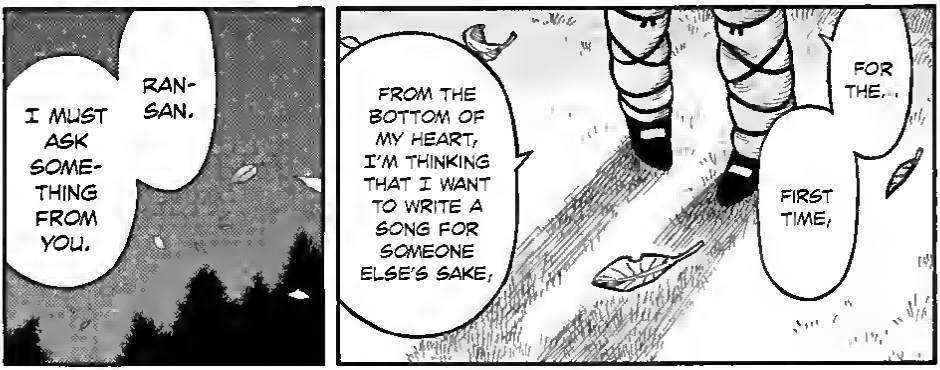
LEAVE BEHIND
THIS TAINT OF YOURS.

AMAZ-
ING...!
A-...
DON'T WORRY!
DADDY AND THE OTHERS WILL TAKE CARE OF THAT MON-STER!

GOOD-
BYE...
DAD...!
!
KYAH
...!
!!

UH...
HAAH
HAH...
HAA...
GH... AGH...
UGH ...
OOH...
AH
RAN-SAN!
IT'S...
HM...
S-SAFE NOW... UGH...
RAN-SAN
IF IT CAUSES YOU SO MUCH PAIN...
WHY DO YOU FIGHT?

BECAUSE I'M BAD...
AT MAKING SMILES...
IT'S TO MAKE UP FOR IT, SORT OF.
HM...


RAN-SAN.
I MUST ASK SOME-THING FROM YOU.
FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART, I'M THINKING THAT I WANT TO WRITE A SONG FOR SOMEONE ELSE'S SAKE,
FOR THE...
FIRST TIME,

Cursed taint, decay and blight
Split and splat, it spreads around
TAKE ME WITH ON YOUR TRAVELS!
AND LET ME SING
ABOUT YOUR STORY!
SHE SEARCHES FOR THE BALLAD THAT WILL BECOM HER LEGACY...
A tale of the taint, which must be told
ケガレノウタ
THE TAINTED TALES
Sit and listen to this tale unfold

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